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Applicant or Patentee: **Bryan Hulstedt**  
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For: **AIR EJECTION AND COMPLAINT GAGE PIN FOR ROD CUTTING MACHINES**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)  
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of Concern: **Rockford Manufacturing Group, Inc.**  
Address of Concern: **14343 Industrial Park  
South Beloit, Illinois 61080**

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 121.3-18 for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement: (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled: **AIR EJECTION AND COMPLAINT GAGE PIN FOR ROD CUTTING MACHINES**, by inventor(s) **Bryan Hulstedt**, as described in:

- ☐ The specification filed herewith.  
☒ Application No. **09/667,971**, filed **September 25, 2000**.  
☐ Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

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If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any individual, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as a person under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2), or

a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3). (NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to his/her/its status as a small entity.)

Name:

Address:

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☐ Small Business Concern

☐ Nonprofit Organization

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Date

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